



*Once upon a time
there was a
neighborhood...*

Sometimes when we make plans for the future, we start with a look back at yesterday. And when we envision what we want our neighborhood to be, we remember what we liked about “the good old days” – things like city pride...watching out for each other...working together for common good. It’s having friends as neighbors and neighbors as friends.

The NRC makes resources available to help neighbors build better neighborhoods. They do this by providing opportunities for all ages and backgrounds. Examples include activities such as our popular block party grants, and training for people who want to learn how to improve communication and make stronger connections with their neighbors.

The Neighborhood Resources Corporation (NRC) is here to connect you with these programs and to make available grants to help you achieve your neighborhood improvement dreams.

Working Together is the Key

The best ideas are “homegrown” ideas. They may start with one person who sees an opportunity and gets together with another person, and another...Working together, they make a huge impact.

For example, residents in the Chapin Park Neighborhood Association took “talking over the fence” a step further and developed a Web page to stay connected with each other. Using funds from the NRC, organizers built a site that provides instant access to resources that directly impact their neighborhoods, including links to trash service, information on voting precincts and polling locations, city school information and more. Missing cats and neighborhood concerns are also part of the daily fare.



“The LaSalle Park Neighborhood Association (LPNA) was so glad to receive the NRC grant for our pack-a-backpack project! It helped us build membership in our organization, raise awareness about our many activities and provide neighborhood youth with school supplies. Thank you, NRC!”

-Carolyn Archie, LPNA Treasurer

Rebekah Go from Near Northwest Neighborhood, Inc., had this to say about her experience:

“We were really fortunate to receive an NRC grant to help us host two events that we believe will increase the membership of our neighborhood association. The application process was simple, and the help, insight and feedback that we received enabled us to more clearly define our goals and objectives. What a great way to support the work of our neighborhood!”



Grant Pre-Application

Would you like to have a block party to celebrate your neighborhood improvement efforts? Interested in increasing communication or funding a creative neighborhood project? The NRC can help! Each project is reviewed for its anticipated impact, and funding is awarded accordingly. Simply complete the information below, tear off this self-addressed panel and drop it in the mail. One of our representatives will contact you immediately.

Date _____

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

Neighborhood _____

Phone _____

Briefly describe the activity, event, date, location and the item(s) you would like to have funded:

If you have any questions regarding this pre-application or the program guidelines, please call 574-235-9660. You may also fax this form to 574-235-9697.



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Building better neighborhoods one block at a time...

The Neighborhood Resources Corporation is dedicated to helping neighbors build better neighborhoods because we firmly believe that South Bend's strength depends on the strength of its neighborhoods.

The Partnership Center Program* is a pivotal element in making that happen. Established as facilities for everyone in the neighborhood, Partnership Centers provide access to information and opportunities for all. Residents meet to make decisions that impact their surroundings and promote neighborhood pride.

Another way NRC helps neighborhoods improve is by sending neighborhood representatives to regional and national training conferences to learn how to develop skills to energize their neighborhoods. When they return, they share what they've learned with other interested parties. Relationships — and neighborhoods — are strengthened.

At these conferences you can learn more about:

- Starting and improving neighborhood-based programs
- Leadership development
- Improving neighborhood communication
- Neighborhood beautification
- Housing improvement
- Neighborhood safety
- Youth development

* NRC, through a contract with the City of South Bend, is responsible for the administration, fiscal oversight and general management of the City's Neighborhood Partnership Centers.

Want to make a difference? *We can help!*

"Once upon a time"

is **NOW...** and we're here to help you get started.

The NRC is an innovative partnership between the City of South Bend and neighborhood-based and service institutions and organizations in the community.

We're excited about what the NRC and neighbors have accomplished and the opportunities that lie ahead. We have been able to share with you just some of the things we can help you do. We would be glad to speak with you about how to make an impact in your neighborhood!

Call us at **574-235-9660**

